

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract of this application as follows:

--~~Charging in a reasonable manner for~~An information recording apparatus and
method for charging a fee regarding an information recording apparatuswhen recording
information into a recording medium. Information received through a tuner or reproduced
through a digital reproducing section is converted by a format conversion circuit, and then
supplied to a digital, an analog or a memory card type recording and reproducing section where
dubbing is carried out. Such information can be also stored in a storage medium such as a HDD
and then supplied and dubbed in the pertinent recording and reproducing section. A charging
section charges a fee when the~~When the~~ recording medium containing recorded information is
unloaded, ~~charging is done through a charging section.~~ Once unloaded, the recording medium
can be easily taken out and used, thus such a convenience can be charged as well. In addition, the
charging can be done corresponding to a number of recording media containing recorded
information. Furthermore, a user can verify whether recording has been carried out properly,
before charging.--